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SUBJ: FIFTH SESSION TROPICAL EXPERIMENT BOARD (TEB)

1. THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE TEB CLOSED LATE DECEMBER 7TH HAVING DEALT WITH ALL ITEMS OF ITS AGENDA. IT AGREED THAT THE PLANS WERE SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BEGINNING THE EXPERIMENT IN JUNE 1974 SHOULD PROCEED.

2. STATEMENTS BY TEB MEMBERS CONFIRMED THAT AT LEAST 36 RESEARCH SHIPS AND ABOUT 12 RESEARCH AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE PART IN ONE OR MORE OF THE THREE PERIODS OF THE GARP TROPICAL ATLANTIC EXPERIMENT (GATE), IN ADDITION TO METEOROLOGICAL SATELITES AND A VARIETY OF OCEANOGRAPHIC BUOYS. THE ASSIGNMENT OF SHIPS TO AGREE NETWORK POSITIONS WAS ADOPTED. THIS COMPLETED ONE OF MOST DIFFICULT PARTS OF THE PLANNING, AND WHEN COUPLED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANS NOTED BELOW ENABLES PARTICIPATING NATIONS TO DRAW UP SCIENTIFIC DIRECTIVES FOR EACH PARTICIPATING SHIP.

3. PLANNING EMPHASIS HAS NOW SWITCHED FROM SCIENTIFIC TO OPERATIONAL. THE CENTRAL PROGRAM AND FIVE SUB-PROGRAM PLANS SETTING FORTH SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES ALL NOW AT OR NEAR FINAL PUBLICATION STAGE. TEG-V ACCEPTED DRAFT VERSIONS OF SHIP, AIRCRAFT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, OPERATIONS PLANS AND DAKAR SUPPORT PLANS. AS SOME SHIPS WILL HAVE TO DEPART HOME PORTS FOR THE EXPERIMENT AREA BY LATE MARCH, COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS PLANS WAS URGENT. ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO CLARIFY THE ALLOCATION OF AIRCRAFT MISSIONS TO VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES.

4. THE BOARD WAS REASSURED BY STATEMENTS OF SENEGAL MEMBER THAT SENEGAL WOULD DO UTMOST TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT IN DAKAR. HE REFERRED TO DECISION OF ARAB LEAGUE AT RECENT ALGIERS MEETING THAT OIL SUPPLIES TO MOST AFRICAN STATES WOULD NOT BE CURTAILED. HE DID NOT THINK THAT THE DAKAR PORT OR AIRPORT FACILITIES WOULD BE OVERLOADED BY TRAFFIC EXPECTED IN SUPPORT OF DROUGHT RELIEF IN 1974. HE REPORTED THAT THE GOCC BUILDING WOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY BY 15 MAY 1974.

5. PRINCIPLES OF CONTACT BETWEEN SMO, SENEGAL AND ASECNA FOR AERONAUTICAL AND OTHER SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF DAKAR OPERATIONS WERE RE-DRAFTED. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE BASIS FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT FOR THESE SERVICES, LEADING TO FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS: A TOTAL OF 22 MILLION CFA IS REQUIRED TO COVER PURELY AERONAUTICAL SERVICES FOR AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS BY UK AND USA. FRANCE AND USSR WOULD DEAL WITH ASECNA ON BILATERAL BASIS, AS WOULD BRAZIL. THE LATTER INTENDS TO OPERATE MAINLY FOR A BRAZILIAN AIRPORT; 6 MILLION CFA WOULD BE NEEDED TO PAY FOR OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO THE DAKAR GATE OPERATIONS. A LIST OF SPECIFIC ITEMS COVERED BY THIS LATTER FIGURE WAS WORKED OUT WITH GOS AND ASECNA. FINALLY, A DISTRIBUTION OF THE AERONAUTICAL COSTS BETWEEN US AND UK WAS ARRANGED, AS WAS THE DISTRIBUTION OF NON-AERONAUTICAL COSTS BETWEEN FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, UK, USA AND USSR. A ONE MILLION CFA ASSESSMENT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE MEMBERS, SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

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6. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF GATE OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTER IN DAKAR PROVOKED GREAT CONTROVERSY. AFTER EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS OUTSIDE FORMAL MEETING REGARDING APPROPRIATE DECISION AND "COMMAND" MECHANISMS, SUBJECT REACHED THE FLOOR ONLY VERY LATE IN SESSION. PROBLEMS OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY MOSTLY SUBMERGED BUT NOT ENTIRELY. DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR (INTERNATIONAL STAFF OF ISMG) WILL MAKE THE

MAJOR DECISIONS. ORGANIZATION CHART ACCEPTED BUT MANPOWER CONTRIBUTIONS NOT SETTLED.

7. BASIC DATA MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS NOW ACCEPTED, AND USA, USSR, UK, FRANCE, FRG EACH ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE SUB-PROGRAM DATA CENTER. USSR CONTINUES EXCESSIVELY CONCERNED REGARDING RECEIPT OF FOREIGN DATA FREE OF CHARGE AND PRESSED FOR LARGE REALTIME DATA TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS. USE OF WORLD DATA CENTER SYSTEM FOR ARCHIVING GATE DATE NOW IN QUESTION DUE TO POSSIBILITY REGULATIONS MAY REQUIRE FREE PROVISION OF DATA TO ALL USERS WHEREAS US MUST RECOVER DIRECT RETRIEVAL AND COPYING COSTS.

8. CONTINUED HIGH FOREIGN INTEREST IN US OMEGA WINDFINDING STATUS, AS EIGHT COUNTRIES WILL USE SYSTEM ON ABOUT SIXTEEN SHIPS. TEST RESULTS REPORTED BY USA AND FRG SATISFIED TEB THAT PERFORMANCE SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. US OMEGA STATIONS AT NORTH DAKOTA, TRINIDAD AND ESPECIALLY UP-GRADED NORWAY ARE CRITICAL.

9. AN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION PLAN INVOLVING DOCUMENTARY FILM, INFORMATION "KITS" AND NEWS CONFERENCES WAS DISCUSSED. WMO SECRETARIAT HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS EFFORT AND WILL DRAW ON NATIONAL MOVIE FOOTAGE, IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN FILMS, SO AS TO PRODUCE A GENERAL SCIENCE AUDIENCE FILM OF A HALF HOUR LENGTH. GENERAL PUBLIC INFORMATION FILM SHOULD ALSO BE STUDIED. PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF FIELD OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED FOR UN HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK AND AT THE WMO IN GENEVA.

10. BOARD AGREED THAT ISMG SHOULD CONTINUE IN MUCH ITS PRESENT FORM UNTIL COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS HAS BEEN COMPLETED (BY APRIL 1975). NEED FOR AN ISMG AFTER THAT DATE
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*OULD BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT SESSION OF BOARD, NOW PROPOSED FOR EARLY APRIL 1974, AFTER CONSIDERATION BY GARP JOINT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WHICH HAS FORMAL RESPONSIBILITY. POSSIBLE ROLE OF WMO STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES ALSO INVOLVED. BASSIN

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